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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents
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Dear Sir,

Prior to examination, and supplemental to the preliminary amendment filed March 29, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

At page 28, lines 19-28 of Applicants' specification, please replace the paragraph beginning with "Figure 9A illustrates ...", with the following new paragraph:

Figure 6A illustrates the energy stability as peak-to-peak fluctuations for a laser system including the discharge circuit, Figure 6B illustrates the energy stability as energy minima and maxima for a laser system including the discharge circuit, and Figure 6C illustrates the energy stability as a percentage sigma for a laser system including the discharge circuit. As can be seen from Figure 6A, the peak to peak fluctuations are between approximately 5% to 8% over approximately six million pulses, while Figure 6B shows that the energy minima and maxima are 3% to 4% varied from the average